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SUBJ: ANOTHER VERSION OF GENSCHER/BREZHEV TALKS

REF: BONN 10411

1. AT LUNCH ON JUNE 24, STATE SECRETARY SPANGENBERG
GAVE BRITISH AND FRENCH MINISTERS AND ME A RESUME OF
GENSCHER/BREZHEV TALKS WHICH CONTAINED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT
OR NEW INFORMATION THAN THAT GIVEN AMBASSADOR STOESSEL BY
VAN WELL. HIS VERSION FOLLOWS.

2. AGAIN THE REPORT THAT BREZHEV READ FROM TWO SETS OF
BRIEFS, ONE FROM THE PARTY AND ONE FROM THE FONMINISTRY.
ON BERLIN HE SAID THAT THE SITUATION "FOR YOU AND ME" WAS
PROVING TO BE PAINFUL AND DIFFICULT. HE WAS WORRIED
BECAUSE THE QA AGREEMENT WAS BEING UNDERMINED (AUS-
GEHOEHLT). "MAYBE THE TIME IS COMING WHEN WE ALL WILL
HAVE TO MAKE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR BERLIN." COMMENT:
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THIS IS PROBABLY ONLY A GARBLED OR OVERSIMPLIFIED VERSION
OF WHAT VAN WELL REPORTED. HOWEVER, THE BRITISH AND
FRENCH TOOK THE BALD STATEMENT ABOUT A NEW AGREEMENT WITH
GREAT SERIOUSNESS. END COMMENT.

3. BREZHNEV CRITICIZED GERMAN LACK OF PERFORMANCE ON THE
KURSK COMPLEX. HE ASKED THE GERMANS TO STEP INTO SOME OF

THE ABANDONED JAPANESE/SOVIET PARTNERSHIP POSSIBILITIES IN SIBERIA, ON THE BASIS OF TAKING COMPENSATION RATHER THAN PAYMENTS.

4. SPANGENBERG SAID THERE IS SOME OPTIMISM IN BONN THAT THE SOVIETS MAY FINALLY CAVE ON BERLIN ASSOCIATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL AGREEMENT, SO AS TO GIVE BREZHNEV ONE BOON HE MIGHT CONFER ON HIS VISIT. SPANGENBERG SAID THIS WOULD BE THE BEST POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, IF ONLY ONE OF THE THREE STALLED AGREEMENTS COULD BE CLEARED, AS IT WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE GDR/FRG NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SAME AREA. THE LATTER TALKS ARE FAIRLY FAR ADVANCED, AND ESSENTIALLY NOW DEPEND ONLY ON A SATISFACTORY BERLIN SOLUTION. THE GDR HAS FRANKLY TOLD THE FRG THAT THEY WILL JUST HAVE TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THE SOVIETS AND GERMANS HAVE ESTABLISHED AN ACCEPTABLE BERLIN FORMULA.DAVIS

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